

MALDIVES

a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	1964 & 1970	Constitution & Bill 5/69	Varies	Rectangle defined by geographical coordinates, measured from outside reefs adjoining all atolls. This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 1982.
	Apr 75	Constitution, Art. I	12nm	
	Dec 76	Law No. 32/76		Foreign warships and military aircraft must obtain permission prior to transiting territorial sea. This requirement is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested requirement in 1982 and conducted operational assertions in 1981-85 (overflights), and 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990 and 1992-1994.
	Jul 88	Law of Sea Bulletin, No. 11	12nm	
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	1964	Constitution		State territory made up of rectangle defined by geographical coordinates: Lat. 7° 10.25' N and 0° 45.25' S Long. 72° 29.25' E and 73° 49' E
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Feb 69	Act. No. 5/69		Defined by geographic coordinates.
	Dec 70	Act. No. 52/70		Defined by geographic coordinates.
	Dec 76	Law No. 30/76	From 37 to 310	EEZ; segment of zone coincides with maritime boundary with India.
	Dec 76	Law No. 32/76		Established EEZ, defined by geographic coordinates; affirmed only right of innocent passage; entry of foreign fishing vessels, scientific research, and construction or use of installations/ devices requires consent of government. Segment of zone coincides with maritime boundary with India. This claim is not recognized by the U.S. U.S. protested claim in 1982.
VI. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION				
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Jul 76	Agreement		Tripoint agreement with India and Sri Lanka EIF.
	Jun 78	Agreement		Maritime boundary agreement with India EIF (Arabian Sea); see LIS No. 78.
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VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.

b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

1. STRAIGHT BASELINES - Maldivian Exclusive Economic Zone Claim

Following is the text of Law No. 30/76 of 27 November 1976, relating to the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Maldives:

1. The area, including the sea, as well as the sea-bed and sub-soil thereof, situated within the line joining the points of which the coordinates are given below, shall constitute the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Maldives.

(1) 7° 57' 27" N	69° 35' 45" E
(2) 7° 57' 27" N	69° 11' 48" E
(3) 4° 02' 20" S	69° 11' 48" E
(4) 4° 02' 20" S	77° 05' 42" E
(5) 3° 27' 15" N	77° 05' 42" E
(6) 4° 47' 04" N	77° 01' 40" E
(7) 4° 52' 15" N	76° 56' 48" E
(8) 5° 05' 35" N	76° 43' 15" E
(9) 5° 13' 56" N	76° 36' 48" E
(10) 6° 28' 14" N	75° 41' 34" E
(11) 6° 33' 21" N	75° 38' 41" E
(12) 6° 51' 06" N	75° 25' 46" E
(13) 7° 15' 27" N	75° 16' 19" E
(14) 7° 24' 00" N	75° 12' 06" E
(15) 7° 25' 19" N	75° 11' 18" E
(16) 7° 51' 30" N	74° 56' 09" E
(17) 7° 40' 30" N	74° 29' 45" E
(18) 7° 41' 50" N	73° 38' 34" E
(19) 7° 39' 02" N	73° 19' 38" E
(20) 7° 40' 52" N	73° 03' 53" E
(21) 7° 42' 19" N	72° 49' 30" E
(22) 7° 42' 54" N	72° 42' 26" E
(23) 7° 49' 05" N	73° 03' 45" E
(24) 8° 05' 38" N	79° 15' 08" E
(25) 7° 57' 27" N	69° 35' 45" E

2. The Republic of Maldives shall have the sovereign rights and exclusive jurisdiction over its Economic Zone for the purpose of exploitation, conservation and management of the natural resources therein, both living and non-living, or for any other economic purpose. Thus, the use and exploitation of the products or natural resources found in the said Zone for any economic purpose, or the conduct of scientific researches, or the construction, maintenance or operation of artificial structures and devices for any purpose within the said Zone shall not be executed by non-Maldivians without assent of the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

3. Any person or persons contravening the sovereign rights of the Republic of Maldives over its Economic Zone shall be liable to prosecution and conviction in accordance with Laws and Regulations of the Republic of Maldives.